

BRIGHT GIRLS TO GET THEIR DEGREES

Finals of Best Session in Woman's College History Now in Progress.

EXERCISES OF CLASS DAY

These to Occur To-Morrow and to Be of More Than Usual Interest.

Pedagogue and instructor have waived authority at the Woman's College of Richmond, and pretty young girls, in scholastic caps and gowns or fluffy commencement frocks, fill the corridors and chapel and hold complete away over their quondam masters and incidentally over the hearts of all who are so fortunate as to receive invitations to the several commencement functions.

Examinations, so fraught with doubt and dread to the student, were concluded Thursday afternoon, and Thursday evening the commencement exercises proper opened with the annual exhibit and reception of the art class in the college chapel. A fine exhibition of work by the best artists in the school was appropriately hung, and friends and visitors spent a delightful hour in examining and commenting upon its excellent quality. The social feature of the evening was preceded by a short program rendered by several young ladies, who received certificates in the vocal and elocution department.

On Friday evening the annual concert was given in the chapel, when vocalists and instrumentalists entertained an altogether appreciative audience and the splendid chorus of eighty voices covered itself with glory.

Chisel Staff Banquet.
Last evening at 9 o'clock, at the Jefferson Hotel, the staff of "The Chisel," the college quarterly, gave its annual banquet. Blue and gold, the official colors of the staff, were used in the decorations. A centerpiece of Marchioness roses and maidenhair fern, was surrounded with tall candelabra prettily shaded with blue and gold. Hand-painted place cards were in blue and gold, and the honor of the banquet were the Hon. and Mrs. John Garland Pollard, Mr. and Mrs. Solon B. Woodfin and Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Martin, of the college faculty.

Miss Pollard wore a beautiful gown of white lace. Mrs. Woodfin wore blue organdy, and Mrs. Martin wore a gown of pale blue chiffon cloth with trimmings of panne velvet and baby Irish lace.

The young ladies of the staff, all of whom wore light summer gowns, are Misses Pearl Smoot and Annie Leland Green, editors-in-chief; Miss Ruth Gilliam, exchange editor; Misses Myra Uldine Vaiden, local editor; Miss Mary Whitsett, alumnae editor; Misses Anne Chesterman Woodfin and Nancy MacLaurin, business managers.

The baccalaureate sermon will be preached this evening at 8 o'clock in Grace Street Baptist Church by the Rev. W. M. Vines, D. D., of Norfolk.

Class Day Exercises.
Class day exercises in the college chapel will occupy the morning hours to-morrow, beginning promptly at 11 o'clock. The chapel will be decorated with Liberty roses, the class flower, and the class of 1907 will enter the chapel bearing long ropes of smilax and singing the class song, the words of which were composed by Miss Anne Pearl Smoot, and the music by Professor Jacob Reinhardt.

Following is the song:

Class Song.
Oh, this is our glad class day;
We've drunk of knowledge deep;
The old world smiles upon us;
The fruits of our toil we reap,
The heights we've gained in safety,
And the way we've come so long,
Now we'll forget the striving
In the music of our song.

Now soon to homes far-sundered
We'll wend us each her way,
No matter that we've parted,
We'll ne'er forget the day,
When standing here together,
We sung of the W. C.
And pledged our fealty to it,
Wherever we may be.

Chorus.
We sing of our class of "noughty seven,"
And the dear old W. C. R.
We sing of our work, our hopes, our fears,
The song shall be heard afar,
We sing of our motto: "Second to none,"
And joy to believe it's true;
We sing to proclaim our work here done,
We're sad, we're glad that we're true.

Attractive programs of the order of exercises in the class colors, red and cream, have been arranged.

Miss Myra Uldine Vaiden, class president, will deliver the address of welcome and introduce each speaker. Miss Vaiden is from New Kent county, and has made an excellent record at the college. She takes the Bachelor of Arts degree this year, and in two previous sessions, 1905 and 1906, she has received the degrees of Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Letters. She was toastmistress at the alumnae banquet last year, and for two sessions has been on the staff of "The Chisel." She is also a prominent member of the Philomathean Literary Society.



SUMMER RESIDENCE OF MR. D. J. WHEATON.
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Miss Lottie Marsden Pulley, vice-president of the class, is the daughter of Mrs. F. P. Pulley of Ivor, Va. She will receive her Bachelor of Letters degree, this being her third year at college.

The class secretary, Miss Annie Leland Green, is a post-graduate of the college, having received her Bachelor of Arts degree last year. She is the daughter of Mr. J. L. Green, of Ashland, Va.

Upon the resignation from the class of Miss Jessie Deane Brown, who was elected treasurer last October, Miss Anne Chesterman Woodfin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Woodfin of Richmond, was chosen to succeed her. Miss Woodfin received her preparatory education at the Richmond High School, where she made a fine record. This is her second year in college, and she wins her Bachelor of Arts degree. She also has won especial honor in music, though she does not graduate in this branch.

The address of welcome will be followed by the oration, by Miss Susie Chilton Norris, daughter of Mr. R. O. Norris, of Lancaster county, who will have as her subject the class motto, "Nulli Secundus."

Miss Frances Elmore Haley, daughter of the Rev. J. J. Haley of Richmond, will follow with the history of the class, which promises to be very amusing.

The Class Poem.

Miss Anne Pearl Smoot, daughter of Mr. O. P. Smoot of Bowling Green, Va., and winner of the writer's medal for this year, will read the class poem, as follows:

O classmates, we've toiled long together,
All striving to increase our learning's store,
But now we've worked from morn till late at evening,
We've little yet of deep Minerva's lore.

But earnest preparation has been made here,
For greater battles that await us hence;
O may we bear alike defeats and victories,
In hopes to later gain our recompense.

Dear mother-school! always we'll feel thy influence,
And ne'er forget the care you've for us shown,
Through years to come, our thoughts will be of you,
For in our hearts the seed of love are sown.

When in our lives the rain sometimes falling,
We'll think of thee as teaching us to smile,
And on our way be strong and full of courage,
In trust that He'll make glad the "after while."

How soon our "leber-wohls" will all be over,
And we to widely-sundered homes return,
But e'er the thought of classmate or of college
Will cause our hearts with earnest love to burn.

To-day we feel we stand upon life's threshold,
Its paths stretch out before us broad and wide;
"Second to none" still we may make our motto
As when together here we did abide.

And though no more here at our Alma Mater
We may be reunited as a class.

Our joy 'twill always be to think of these days;
Their memory will not, as the years fly, pass.

O noble class of nineteen hundred-seven!
To each of us thy name will e'er be dear.

In proud words recounting all thy honors,
A monument of praise to thee we'll rear.

Miss Nancy MacLaurin, of South Carolina, president of the Philomathean Literary Society and business manager of "The Chisel," will follow with the class prophecy. Miss MacLaurin is known to be a young lady of much wit and wisdom, and her prophecies are hailed with delight. Miss Vaiden will prophesy Miss MacLaurin's future.

The Will and Testament, by Miss Ruth Temple Gilliam, of Prince Edward county, and the valedictory by Miss Bertie Merritt, daughter of Mr. W. H. Merritt, of Pleasantville, Va., will be followed by the singing of the farewell song, composed by Mr. Martin and set to music by Professor Reinhardt, as follows:

I.
Fare thee well, dear Mother College,
Sweet memories we you owe;
And to leave thy halls and classrooms
We've regrets ne'er felt before.

II.
Fare thee well, long hours we've pondered,
O'er learning's mystic lore,
And our hearts have all been quickened
With desire to gain more.

III.
Fare thee well, dear friends, companions,
Deep in our hearts enshrined,
Closest ties must be severed,
Sweetest joys left behind.

Chorus.
Alma Mater, Alma Mater,
Fare thee well, fare thee well;
And to all thy sacred memories,
A tender fare thee well.

The class and audience will then adjourn to the campus, where Miss Ida Pauline Trosvig, of Lightfoot, Va., will make the tree oration, formally dedicating a young sapling, planted by the class to Mr. and Mrs. Ruggles Nelson, of the college.

The bonfire oration will be made by Miss Columbiana Nalle, daughter of Dr. Orville Nalle, of Culpeper county. Each young lady of the class will toss into the flames the text-book which has been her greatest dearest during her senior year, resting as she does so an appropriate couplet of epigram. This completes the sad rites of the morning's program.

Alumnae Dinner.
To-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock the Alumnae Association of the college will give their annual dinner, in honor of the outgoing class. Miss Mary Carter Anderson will be toastmistress and guest of honor. Mrs. Frank D. Smith, president of the association, will make the address, welcoming the class of 1907 into the association, to which Miss Helen Grace Laylander, of Newport News, will respond on behalf of the class.

To-morrow evening, in the college chapel, the preparatory class, of which Miss Marion Terrell has charge, will have its closing exercises. The following program will be rendered:

Cantata, "A Garden of Singing Flowers," third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades.

Address, Professor M. A. Martin, Music.

Presentation of certificates of distinction and promotion to collegiate department, Professor Martin.

Delivery of scholarship medal, Dr. W. F. Mathews.

Awarding of prizes for department, Dr. Mathews.

Benediction, Dr. Nelson.

The Commencement.
Tuesday will be a day for farewell and general social intercourse with the out-of-town visitors who come to the commencement. Tuesday evening the climax of the session's work will come, when the diplomas and school certificates will be delivered in the Academy

of Music. Professor J. Calvin Metcalf, of Richmond College, will deliver the address, and the following young ladies will receive degrees:

Masters of Arts—Misses Annie Leland Green, Jennie Kate Mitchell and Mary Turner Perkins.

Bachelors of Arts—Misses Frances Elmore Haley, Helen Grace Laylander, Caroline Chowning Norris, Lucy Harrison Pelt, Florence Adella Wood, Cora Chambers Lawson, Columbiana Nalle, Susie Chilton Norris, Myra Uldine Vaiden and Anne Chesterman Woodfin.

Bachelors of Letters—Misses Ruth Temple Gilliam, Nannie Louise Hall, Susan Whiard Johnson, Bertie Merritt, Lottie Marsden Pulley, Anne Pearl Smoot, Mabel Leslie Halley, Wilda Harwood, Nancy MacLaurin, Margaret Fisker Merryman, Sophie Chapman Robinson, Susan Louise Tucker.

Bachelors of Music—Nancy Lee Goodman and Ida Pauline Trosvig.

Gloucester.

GLouceSTER C. H., Va., May 25.—Mr. and Mrs. Ashby Jones, after spending part of the winter and spring in Florida, have returned to their home in Gloucester, on the North River.

Mrs. Richard P. Tallafra has returned from Baltimore, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Pearl Byrd, who has been attending school at Overfield near Baltimore. Miss Byrd had to leave school and undergo treatment in the Maryland University Hospital. Her many friends rejoice that she is making such rapid progress towards renewed health.

Mrs. John Tabb and Mr. Warner Tabb, of Summerville, have returned from a visit to Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Farnsworth and family have returned to "The Pines," their summer home, in Gloucester, on the North River, after an absence of several months.

Mrs. Hosler, of Pittsburg, Pa., is visiting at "The Pines."

Mr. Maynard A. Cheney, Jr., of Warner Hall, is in Essington, Pa., where he has gone for a yacht, in which he is expected to return in a few days.

Mr. Robert Tynes, who was a student at the Gloucester Academy last year, is at Gloucester Courthouse on a visit.

Miss Ethel Jones Corr is visiting friends near Baltimore.

Miss Kate Clifton has returned from a visit to Miss Marshall Milton, in Baltimore.

Miss Mary P. Lee is in Baltimore, the guest of Mrs. Marshall Milton.

Organize Milling Company.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

SALISBURY, N. C., May 25.—The Salisbury Milling Company, has been organized here, with T. G. Williamson, president; D. E. Guerrant, vice-president, and W. F. Snider as secretary and treasurer. The new company has a capital of \$15,000, with the privilege of increasing to \$25,000. The corporation owns valuable property formerly held by the Salisbury Roller Mills. The plant will be greatly improved.

SOUTHERN SEMINARY.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

BUENA VISTA, Va., May 25.—The Southern Seminary finals, which began Friday evening with the joint celebration of the Athenian and Cornelian Literary Societies, Rev. W. H. Joyce, of Blacksburg, Va., delivering the address, continue to-morrow. The baccalaureate will be preached by Rev. W. S. Hammond, of Lexington, Va. To-morrow evening the anniversary exercises of the Foreign Missionary Society of the institution take place, the sermon being preached by Rev. W. A. McClure, of this city. Monday morning

finals which began Friday evening continue until Tuesday evening.

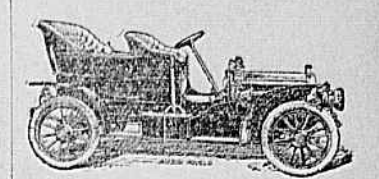
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